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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION**

TRACY CAEKAERT, and CAMILLIA)	Cause No. CV 20-52-BLG-SPW
MAPLEY,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	DEFENDANT WATCH TOWER
)	BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF
vs.)	PENNSYLVANIA'S RESPONSES
)	TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD SET OF
)	JURISDICTIONAL DISCOVERY
WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND)	
TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,)	
INC., WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND)	
TRACT SOCIETY OF)	
PENNSYLVANIA, and BRUCE)	
MAPLEY SR.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,
INC.

Cross-Claimant,

vs.

BRUCE MAPLEY SR.,

Cross-Claim Defendant.

ARIANE ROWLAND, and JAMIE
SCHULZE,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,
INC., WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA, and BRUCE
MAPLEY SR.,

Defendants.

Cause No. CV 20-59-BLG-SPW

**DEFENDANT WATCH TOWER
BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA'S RESPONSES
TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD SET OF
JURISDICTIONAL DISCOVERY**

TO: Plaintiffs and their counsel, Robert L. Stepan, Ryan R. Shaffer, and James C. Murnion, MEYER SHAFFER & STEPANS PLLP, 430 Ryman Street, Missoula, MT 59802

COMES NOW Defendant Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania (hereinafter "WTPA"), by and through its attorneys, and responds to Plaintiffs' Third Set of Jurisdictional Discovery to Defendant WTPA as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

I. First General Objection: By Providing the Following Answers and Responses, WTPA Does Not Waive its Claim it is Not Subject to Personal Jurisdiction in Montana.

The following Answers and Responses are supplied to Plaintiffs in accordance with: (1) the Court's Orders Providing for Jurisdictional Discovery (Doc. 32 in the *Caekaert* matter¹; Doc. 24 in the *Rowland* matter²); (2) the Joint Jurisdictional Discovery Plan (Doc. 36 in the *Caekaert* matter; Doc. 28 in the *Rowland* matter); (3) the Jurisdictional Discovery Orders issued by the Court (Doc. 42 in the *Caekaert* matter; Doc. 34 in the *Rowland* matter); and (4) the Court's Orders Re Scope of Jurisdictional Discovery (Doc. 47 in the *Caekaert* matter; Doc. 37 in the *Rowland* matter). Nothing herein is intended to waive, explicitly or implicitly, WTPA's claim it is not subject to personal jurisdiction in Montana. *See* Docs. 13, 14, and 25 in the *Caekaert* matter; and Docs. 9, 10, and 18 in the *Rowland* matter (all explaining WTPA's position regarding personal jurisdiction). Should a waiver argument be made, WTPA disputes the same and affirmatively avers any such argument is directly contradictory to WTPA's position on personal jurisdiction. Accordingly, if made, any waiver argument should be wholly rejected.

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¹ References to the *Caekaert* matter means Cause No. CV 20-52-BLG-SPW

² References to the *Rowland* matter means Cause No. CV 20-59-BLG-SPW.

II. Second General Objection: Requests Seeking Information Beyond the Scope of Jurisdictional Discovery are Improper. Any Responses do not Waive WTPA's Claim it is not Subject to Personal Jurisdiction in Montana.

The Court has only allowed jurisdictional, not general, discovery to take place. *See* (Doc. 32 in the *Caekaert* matter; Doc. 24 in the *Rowland* matter). Thus, any discovery requests from Plaintiffs seeking information that goes beyond jurisdictional discovery are improper and are not permitted at this time. Again, as discussed above, any Answers or Responses herein are not intended as a waiver of WTPA's claim it is not subject to personal jurisdiction in Montana. As a corollary, any argument that any Answers or Responses herein answer or respond to matters outside the scope of jurisdictional discovery shall not be deemed an explicit or implicit waiver of WTPA's claim it is not subject to personal jurisdiction, nor shall any Answers or Responses herein be deemed a waiver of the scope of discovery allowed by the Court at this time.

III. Third General Objection: Requests Seeking Information Beyond the Scope of the Court-Ordered Limitations are Improper.

In the Court's Orders Re Scope of Jurisdictional Discovery (Doc. 47 in the *Caekaert* matter; Doc. 37 in the *Rowland* matter), the Court concluded "[d]iscovery regarding WTPA's corporate relationship with WTNY from 1973 to 1992 is...appropriate." *See* Doc. 47 (in the *Caekaert* matter), p. 5; Doc. 37 (in the *Rowland* matter), p. 5. Accordingly, any discovery requests seeking information

before 1973 or after 1992 are improper and outside the scope of Court-ordered limitations on jurisdictional discovery.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 34: Identify the location of each current and former District and Circuit Office (as those terms are used by you in your Answer to Interrogatory No. 5).

ANSWER: Objection. WTPA objects to the time period requested. Please refer to WTPA's Third General Objection, above, for an explanation as to why the time period requested in this Interrogatory is improper. WTPA also objects on the grounds Plaintiffs' Interrogatory No. 34 goes beyond the 25 interrogatory limit provided in Rule 33(a)(1), Fed.R.Civ.P. *See, e.g., Kleiman v. Wright*, 2020 WL 1666787 (S.D. Fla. April 3, 2020). Subject to and without waiving said objections: None.

INTERROGATORY NO. 35: For the period 1970 to 1990, please describe how each of your publications (as listed in your Answer to Interrogatory No. 6) were distributed, including who distributed each of them, the means of such distribution, and whether you consented or objected to such distribution of your publications.

ANSWER: Objection. WTPA objects to the time period requested. Please refer to WTPA's Third General Objection, above, for an explanation as to why the

Philip Brumley (General Counsel) and Danny Bland (Secretary), both of whom are with WTPA, and Alan Browning (Accounting) and James Defibaugh (paralegal), both of whom are with WTNY.

INTERROGATORY NO. 45: For each Request for Admission that is not answered with an unqualified admission, please set forth the factual basis for the denial or qualification.

ANSWER: Objection. This is an improper question that requires Defendant to repair Plaintiff's Requests for Admission. WTPA also objects on the grounds Plaintiffs' Interrogatory No. 45 goes beyond the 25 interrogatory limit provided in Rule 33(a)(1), Fed.R.Civ.P. *See, e.g., Kleiman v. Wright*, 2020 WL 1666787 (S.D. Fla. April 3, 2020). Subject to and without waiving said objections: *See Responses to Request for Admission Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 30.*

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 61: Please produce a copy of each corporate record between 1960 and 1995 memorializing the affirmative vote or appointment of all corporate directors who served on the Board of Directors.

RESPONSE: Objection. Please refer to WTPA's Third General Objection, above, for an explanation as to why the time period requested in this Request for Production is improper. Subject to and without waiving said objection, WTPA has

already produced responsive articles of incorporation during the relevant time-period. *See* documents bates numbered WTPA062965-062974.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 62: Please produce all documents provided to the United States' Branch Office between 1960 and 1990 which provided any guidance, policies, or direction in how the Branch Office was to operate.

RESPONSE: Objection. Please refer to WTPA's Third General Objection, above, for an explanation as to why the time period requested in this Request for Production is improper. Subject to and without waiving said objection, during the relevant time-period, operations in the United States were based loosely on documents bates-numbered WTPA026371-026618 and WTPA030311-030574.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 63: Please produce all documents provided to the District Offices in the United States during the period 1960 to 1990 that provided any guidance, policies, or direction in how the District Offices were to operate.

RESPONSE: Objection. Please refer to WTPA's Third General Objection, above, for an explanation as to why the time period requested in this Request for Production is improper. Subject to and without waiving said objection, none.

DATED this 8th day of March, 2021.

By: _____



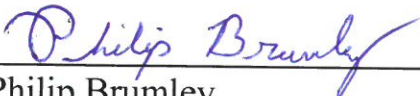
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VERIFICATION

Philip Brumley states that he has read the foregoing (*Defendant WTPA's Responses to Plaintiffs' Third Set of Jurisdictional Discovery*) and knows the contents thereof; that said answers were prepared with the assistance and advice of counsel; that the answers set forth herein, subject to inadvertent or undisclosed errors, are necessarily limited by the records and information still in existence presently recollected and thus far discovered in the course of the preparation of all answers. Consequently, he reserves the right to make any changes to the answers if it appears at any time that omissions or errors have been made therein or that more accurate information is available; and that subject to the limitations set forth herein, the answers are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Philip Brumley

Dated: March 8, 2021